

From: Commanding Officer, Specialized Training Section

To: Commanding Officer, Police Academy

Subject: **THIRD JIHAD VIDEO USED AT THE COBRA TRAINING UNIT**

1. On or about January 2010, members of the COBRA Training Unit received a video to be used for training purposes by the Department of Homeland Security. Since receipt of the video, it has been shown on the third platoon, as part of a continuous loop during the sign in, medical and administrative orientation process. It is not shown during the lecture portion of the class. The video is a 72-minute documentary which explores the existence of radical Islam in the United States and its emerging risk to national security. It features interviews by well-known figures in the fight against terrorism including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman and Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly.

2. Since becoming aware of the fact that a student found the educational video offensive, it has since been pulled from viewing and copies secured in the office of the Specialized Training Section. In addition, the undersigned is endeavoring to determine specifically who in the Department of Homeland Security provided this video to the COBRA Training Unit. At the time of this writing, the undersigned has been unsuccessful in identifying such person. Efforts will continue. In any event, the video will not be shown at COBRA again, in any format.

3. For your **INFORMATION**.

Michele Irizarry  
Captain

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF NEW YORK**

March 23, 2011

From: Commanding Officer, Police Academy

To: Deputy Commissioner, Training

Subject: **CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE UNAUTHORIZED  
PRESENTATION OF THE VIDEO "THE THIRD JIHAD" AT COBRA  
TRAINING**

1. Per your direction, this report summarizes the circumstances surrounding the unauthorized presentation of the video, "The Third Jihad," at COBRA Training.

2. On or about January 21, 2011, inquiries were received at the Police Academy Specialized Training Unit from Deputy Commissioner, Public Information Paul Brown, to determine whether the COBRA Training Program utilized the video "The Third Jihad" in any of our training programs. Lt. John Lowery, Executive Officer, Specialized Training Unit, contacted the COBRA Training Unit and learned that the video had been used on the Third Platoon as "intermission filler," used by staff at the COBRA Unit to provide information for students during breaks to keep their attention focused on counter terrorism issues. The video was not a part of the authorized curriculum in place for COBRA training, however, staff at the COBRA Unit indicated they obtained the video from DHS staff who are assigned to work with NYPD instructors in the COBRA program.

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4. [REDACTED]

5. Conferral with Lt. John Cheng, Commanding Officer, COBRA Unit indicates that the video "The Third Jihad" was used in the manner indicated in paragraph 2 for a period of approximately 3 months, from October through December, 2010. The video was shown only

during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon. The video's use was discontinued and it is no longer shown at COBRA training, nor will it be used in the future.


6. During the period the video was in use, a breakdown of the number of personnel trained in COBRA by rank, who would have viewed the video, is displayed in the chart below:

Rank	Lt.	Sgt.	Det.	P.O.	Total
Number Trained	68	159	31	1231	1489

7. The identity of the DHS member who provided the video remains unknown. During the early inquiry into this matter, I contacted Arthur Collins, Assistant Eastern Regional Manager for SAIC Contractor Support to the Center for Domestic Preparedness (DHS), via telephone, to inquire about the video and the DHS position on its use in training programs. Mr. Collins supervises the DHS contract personnel who assist in COBRA training. Mr. Collins indicated in an email response that the video in fact is **not** an authorized video used by DHS personnel. Mr. Collins' response is appended to this report. I conclude that it is likely a DHS member did possess the video and shared it with COBRA staff, but did not have official authorization to do so. As such, both the unidentified DHS member and Sgt. Walsh used this video in an unauthorized manner. As previously noted, all NYPD staff, instructors and supervisors have been instructed to adhere to authorized curriculum and training aids, and I have also specifically instructed Lt. Cheng to ensure DHS personnel assigned to assist in COBRA training are monitored to ensure they employ only authorized training materials when instructing NYPD personnel.

8. For your information.

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Attachments

  
George W. Anderson  
Assistant Chief

**Anderson, George**

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**From:** Arthur Collins (CTR) <CollinsA@cdpemail.dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2011 6:40 PM  
**To:** Anderson, George  
**Subject:** Video " The Third Jihad"

Chief Anderson,

After conferring with the Center of Domestic Preparedness curriculum division, this video is a private industry presentation.

Its has not been used at the CDP or any of our programs throughout the non resident training deliveries.

Department of Homeland Security has numerous divisions and FEMA is under this large organization, which we are contracted by (SAIC) to deliver training for the FEMA organization.

The Center Of Domestic Preparedness training facility in Anniston, Alabama is a FEMA training facility and SAIC is contracted to run their resident training programs at this location.

This video is not authorized to be used at any of the training deliveries either at the COBRA site in Brooklyn or at the CDP resident training program, by SAIC or FEMA.

After conferring with the instructors from our agency that mentor the NYPD COBRA THREAT training program , non of them were aware that this video existed or was being shown on the day of this incident.

If you have any other questions please contact me at your convenience , we have a long partnership with the NYPD and hope this information can only help us in our relationship with your agency.

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